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**PATRIOTIC SONS OF AMERICA
OPEN CONVENTION HERE TO-DAY****ELKS WILL HAVE
BIG PICNIC TO-DAY**

Will Make This Gala Occasion for Members and Friends at Lakeside.

FINE PROGRAM PREPARED

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 45, P. O. E., will assemble for a grand picnic at Lakeside Park to-day, and a great time is in store for all those who attend.

The program has been arranged with much care by the entertainment committee, which is composed of Messrs. Edgar Allan, Jr., chairman; Robert Le Masurier, John J. Lynch, Julian M. Bossieux, Joseph M. Kain.

Chairman Allan said last night that two complimentary tickets had been sent to each member of the lodge, but that in addition they might take as many members of their family as they saw fit by paying the admission fee of five cents each. This statement is made in view of the fact that some of the Elks seem to be under the impression that they can take no more members of their families than can be admitted under their two tickets.

Special cars will be run to and from Lakeside on a fifteen-minute schedule, beginning at noon and continuing until 10:30 P. M.

From 8 to 10:30 P. M. there will be a grand ball in the dance hall, and this will conclude the festivities, which will begin in the forenoon.

Program for Day.
The program and "important notices" issued by the committee is as follows:
Commencing at noon and continuing until 10:30 P. M., a fifteen-minute schedule for car service has been arranged.

Let every brother go on this occasion and take his family. A good time is promised.

This picnic and gala day is given for the entertainment of Elks and their entire herd.

Purple ribbons will be furnished such members as desire to dance. The pavilion has been secured for our exclusive use.

This is a basket picnic, and you are urged to kill the "fatted calf" and give your family a treat. Every member who finds it convenient to go to do, should carry his basket.

During dinner and supper hours for the benefit of those who do not care to take baskets, meals will be served at the cafe at 50 cents each. City prices will be charged at the cafe for refreshments.

Special cars leave at 10 A. M. Get the children out early and let them have a full day of fun.

During recess the two baseball teams will compete.

Third Annual State Camp of Virginia Department to Be Held.**NATIONAL BODY COMING SOON**

New Camp Inaugurated at Highland Springs Last Night. Something About Order.

The third annual State Camp of the Virginia Department, Patriotic Sons of America, will begin at Smithfield hall at 10 o'clock this morning. All the officers reached the city yesterday, and are quartered at Ford's Hotel, where the executive committee held a secret meeting in the afternoon and prepared an interesting program for the convention to begin this morning.

The State officers are: President, George B. Wagner, of Danville; Vice-President, E. M. Bunch, of Lynchburg; Master of Forms, A. C. Nelson, Richmond; Secretary, E. W. Alexander, Oak Grove; Treasurer, J. H. Brunner, Falls Church; Conductor, D. C. Pollard, Roanoke; Inspector, J. Y. Burton, Elsom; Guard, W. H. Johnson, Norfolk; Assistant Secretary, F. E. Stephens, Richmond; Chaplain, C. M. Mays, Lynchburg; Trustees—J. F. Robertson, Montross; F. M. Hutchinson, Newland; J. S. Norris, Weems.

The Order in Virginia.
There are now forty-eight camps in Virginia, and a new one, making the forty-ninth, was inaugurated at Highland Springs last night by the officers of the State Camp. All the camps are named for General George Washington, and are designated by numbers. The membership in Virginia is about 3,000.

The representation in to-day's State gathering is sixty-two.

The order was instituted about sixty years ago, and has camps in nearly every State of the Union. The total membership in the United States is something like 150,000. The strongest State camp is that of Pennsylvania. This camp in Philadelphia, and had the grandest display of its sixty years' existence.

National Camp to Meet Here.
The National Camp will hold its meeting in Richmond September 24th and 25th, when about 400 of the Patriotic Sons will be here. The headquarters will be at the Jefferson, and the meetings will be held in Belvidere Hall. Many of the delegates will be accompanied by their wives and other members of their families, and the probability is that the meeting will add about 700 people to Richmond's population for the time being. When the national meeting is closed the members will all accompany friends to visit Jamestown and the exposition. They have already chartered the Pocahontas to make a daylight trip down the James to view all the historical scenes.

Yesterday afternoon a large number of the delegates to the State meeting took a two-hour's yacht trip down the river, and returned in time for dinner and for the inauguration meeting at Highland Springs.

History of the Sons.
Though the order is sixty years old in the country and has been in active operation in Virginia for five years, it is but little known to the general public. It was organized in the city of Philadelphia, December 10, 1847, and is now firmly established in many of the States and Territories of the United States, so that to-day its camps are burning brightly and its standard waving triumphantly in all parts of this broad land.

Any white male person is entitled to membership in the order if he be of good moral character, sixteen years of age, a believer in the existence of a Supreme Being as Creator and Preserver of the Universe, born on the soil of the United States, in favor of free education, opposed to any union of church and state, and to the interference of any foreign power, directly or indirectly, with the government.

The order is patriotic, fraternal and social, and though it is not in any sense an insurance organization it has its fraternal benefit provisions.

Its immediate benefits are home benevolence, the care of its sick, the burial of its dead, and the protection of, and assistance to, all connected with it who may be in need.

There is also connected with the order a uniform rank known as the Commandery General, which is the military branch of the order.

One of the most important practical works accomplished by the Sons of America was the successful realization of the idea of teaching patriotism in the public schools.

**PROPOSITION WILL
CUT DOWN REVENUE**

Ordinance Fixing Minimum Water Rates Referred to Subcommittee.

EXPLAINED BY MR. BOLLING

Superintendent Says Settling Basin Is Not In Bad Condition.

According to a statement made to the Committee on Water at its meeting last night, the revenue of the department may be very greatly decreased if the proposition from Council, making sixty-seven cents the maximum charge for the minimum amount of water used in one house, is adopted. Several members of Council recently called attention to a condition which they considered unfair. It was shown that where a family of limited means paid a rental of sixty-seven cents a month for water and then leased part of the house to another family, each would be charged that sum.

After some discussion the proposed ordinance was referred to a special committee consisting of Chairman John Mann, Jr., Alderman R. G. Reynolds and Councilman C. E. Richards.

Objection Made.
The citizens paying the smallest amount for water have the right to use 4,500 gallons, and for sanitary reasons Mr. Bolling believes that every gallon should be used on the premises. If the proposition is put into an ordinance, he said, a large number of people, who are fully able to pay and who have more pretentious apartments, will secure concessions to which they are hardly entitled.

The main point, however, was that economy in the distribution of water would be practiced when it is important that it be freely used. Mr. Bolling said there were hundreds of houses in the city where the water was not used for the weather class of people where the new law would apply, and thus cut down the receipts of the department.

In connection with the approval of the ordinance, giving the Water Department power to apply the Richmond Iron Works, which is located beyond the city limits, it developed that the company will tap the pipes leading to the Seaboard Air Line shops and will pay the latter company the sum of \$125 annually.

Mr. Mills did not think this exactly fair. It was explained that even with the payment of this royalty, the iron works would save money by not being forced to lay a greater amount of pipe, yet even with that some of the members thought it unwise to give any concern the privilege of selling or renting a franchise which properly belongs to the city.

Settling Basin Ghost Story.
Having read an account in an afternoon paper about the condition of the settling basin, Mr. Reynolds asked Superintendent Bolling if it were desperate. Mr. Bolling laughed and thought away. There was no reference to the report that more time would be sought by the contractors for the completion of the flume.

Remembering what happened at the City Home, Councilman Morgan R.

had a good laugh.

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The Brooklyn Daily Eagle says: "A novel of unusual power opens the September number of *The Smart Set*, called 'The Yellow Stigma,' by John Harwood Bacon. Readers of this magazine are fortunate in having so splendid a piece of fiction placed before them."

**REAL ESTATE AND
BUILDING NEWS**

Agents Making Active Preparations for Business This Fall.

MANY SALES THIS WEEK

Permits Issued Yesterday by Inspector Beck—New Warehouse to Be Erected.

Real estate men are making all manner of preparations for active business this fall. They are encouraged to believe that there will be much doing in their line from now on in both city and suburban property, and especially in the latter.

Auction sales, which have been almost entirely suspended during the heated term, are now beginning to boom up, and the auctioneers will be fairly busy during the present week if the weather permits.

Sales to Be Made.

To-day, commencing at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Messrs. C. L. and H. L. Denoon will sell ten dwellings, two large corner stores and nine desirable building lots. This property is located on West Cary, Lombardy and Vine Streets.

At 5:30 P. M. Messrs. J. Thompson Brown & Co. will sell the three-story detached dwelling No. 7 West Grace Street.

To-morrow at 5:30 P. M. Messrs. Brown & Co. will sell the two brick residences Nos. 2513 and 2515 Park Avenue, between Robinson and Cedar Streets.

At 5 o'clock Thursday Messrs. C. L. & H. L. Denoon will sell the two-story frame dwelling No. 314 East Baker Street.

At 1 o'clock Thursday, at the Henrico courthouse, Messrs. Pollard & Bagby will sell for A. H. Sands, special commissioner, a farm about five miles from the city, on the Wilkinson Road.

At 5:30 o'clock Thursday the same firm will sell on the premises the frame dwellings Nos. 1921 and 1923 Taylor Street, corner of Meadow Street.

Building Permits Issued.
Permits were issued by Building Inspector Beck yesterday, as follows:

Enders Dickinson, to erect a two-story brick tenement on the east side of Elm Street, between Hanover and Ivy, to cost \$8,500.

D. H. Hey, to erect a four-story brick warehouse at Nos. 733 and 735 East Cary Street, to cost \$3,500.

Mrs. Mary Otey, for repairs and addition to property No. 403 North Twenty-seventh Street, to cost \$471.

George W. Dandridge, Jr., to improve property No. 1314 Moore Street, to cost \$350.

FRACTURED SKULL.

David Conway Falls in Street and Is Seriously Hurt.

David Conway, of No. 1413 Twenty-eighth Street, fell with an epileptic fit at Seventeenth and Main Streets yesterday morning, fracturing his skull from the impact with the cobblestones. He has been unconscious ever since.

The city ambulance, in charge of Dr. Strole, was called, and took the injured man to his home, where he is reported to be in a most serious condition.

Charged With Stealing Watch.

Bert C. Snyder was in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of stealing from Ross Vanderler a gold watch, valued at \$45. Detective Whitmore made the arrest, and the case went over to this morning in order to summon the pawnbroker, Sam Etern, as an additional witness.

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**IMPROVEMENT IN
CONDITIONS HERE**

Monthly Report Shows August Death Rate to Be 13.23 Per Cent. in Richmond.

MUCH DUE TO PURE MILK

Dr. Levy Still Urges Consumers to Observe Rules of Cleanliness.

That the decreased mortality rate for the city of Richmond during the month of August is due to the improvement in the milk supply, is the opinion of Health Officer Levy, whose report for the month was sent to the printers yesterday. As stated in The Times-Dispatch last week, the death rate for whites, not including non-residents, was 13.23 for August. Including the non-residents it was 13.47, as against 26.88 for July.

Gradually, the public are beginning to appreciate the work of the Health Department, especially as it relates to the milk question. At present the differences between the department and the dealers seem to have been removed, and the government regulations for dairies, adopted by the local board, have been made effective.

Rigid Inspection.
Notwithstanding the improvements there is a rigid inspection and reports are filed regularly with Dr. Levy by the men detailed to watch the dairies and the milk supply establishments. General credence is placed in the statement that the milk supply is responsible for the better mortality record in view of the fact that in August only 27 children under two years of age died from all causes, while the number was 72 for July.

Dr. Levy is still anxious for milk consumers to realize and appreciate the importance of cleanliness. He has suggested that they watch the cans and jars in which milk is received, and exercise special care in having them covered to keep out all foreign matter.

**COMMITTEE TO
VISIT GARDENS**

Rain Prevented Trip Yesterday, But It Will Be Made To-day.

The committee of inspection appointed to visit the little florists who received flower seed from The Times-Dispatch in the spring were prevented by the storm from making the scheduled round of visits yesterday afternoon.

They will carry out their program this afternoon, and successful little gardeners may make ready to receive the credits for the labor of their hands, as their names and addresses have been turned over to the chairman of the inspection committee.

Lee—Life.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Virginia Bouldin Lee, of Lynchburg, to the Rev. Francis Robert Lee, rector of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, Abingdon.

The wedding, which will take place at noon in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, on the eighteenth of this month, will be a social event of interest throughout the State. Miss Lee is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Lee, and niece of Professor William Minor Lee, of the University of Virginia. She was educated at the Stuart School in Staunton, and has numerous friends in many different parts of Virginia. She is an attractive and accomplished young woman, and is especially popular in Lynchburg.

Mr. Lee is a son of the late Major Henderson Lewis Lee, of Lee Hall, Lynchburg county, who was a noted lawyer. He was educated at V. P. I., Roanoke College, and the Virginia Theological Seminary, and is one of the most brilliant and promising of the younger clergy.

**GOV. SWANSON OFF
FOR THE EXPOSITION**

Will Leave This Afternoon to Spend Rest of the Week at Jamestown.

COMMUTES MANY SENTENCES

Will Announce Decision in the Application of John Taylor for Commutation.

Governor Swanson will leave this afternoon for the Jamestown Exposition to participate in the celebrations incident to Ohio and Rhode Island Days. Owing to the fact that the Governor cannot reach the exposition until late in the afternoon, Lieutenant-Governor Elyson will deliver the address of welcome to the visitors.

The Governor yesterday granted a respite to Noah Fulton, of Washington county, who is sentenced to hang on September 13th for murder. The respite is until October 11th, and was granted in order to allow a petition for commutation to be presented.

The Governor has commuted the sentence of about fifty prisoners in various sections of the State, who were sentenced to the penitentiary for short terms, and who are detained in county jails on account of the smallpox quarantine.

Brief Capital Notes.

Supreme Court Clerk H. Stewart Jones is confined to his home by illness. Mr. Jones' condition is somewhat improved, and he will probably be out in a few days.

W. Va. National Guard, of the Huntington, Adjutant-General's office yesterday. Captain Wallace was raised in Richmond, but for many years has practiced law in West Virginia.

News, who was recently nominated in a primary election to succeed himself as corporation judge, has filed his report of expenses with the secretary of the Commonwealth. Judge Barham reports that he spent \$35.71.

Judge R. R. Prentiss, chairman of the State Corporation Commission, is in Norfolk, but is expected to return here to-day.

PATCHES

Why Brown Ones Come on Faces.

When a woman can get rid of brown patches on her face by changing her diet it is worth while for other women who care for their complexions to know something of the method.

A lady in Michigan City says that coffee caused the brown patches on her face by first giving her stomach trouble, then putting her nerves out of order, and the result was shown in her complexion.

She quit coffee and began using Postum Food Coffee and less than a month the stomach trouble disappeared and within two months her complexion cleared up and is now fine and rosy.

She speaks of two men at Westfield, Ind., who have both been improved in health by leaving off coffee and taking in its place Postum Food Coffee. One a husband and wife of the same place, who were in poor health and suffered from stomach trouble. They quit coffee and after using Postum Food Coffee the result was natural sleep, return of appetite, and a gain in strength as fast as nature could rebuild.

She gives the names of a number of other persons who have been helped by leaving off coffee and taking Postum Food Coffee.

It is a safe proposition that if any coffee user has stomach or nervous trouble, or bad complexion, he or she can get rid of the trouble by discontinuing coffee and taking Postum Food Coffee. It is easy enough to prove the truth of this by making trial. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."